

The Honorable James L. Robart

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

AMAZON.COM and AMAZON WEB SERVICES, INC.,

Plaintiffs,

-VS.-

UNILOC U.S.A, INC. and UNILOC
LUXEMBOURG S.A.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:17-cv-01307-JLR

JOINT STATUS REPORT AND DISCOVERY PLAN

1 The parties certify they held the initial conference of counsel required under Federal
2 Rule of Civil Procedure (“FRCP”) 26(f) on November 30, 2017. As a result of this conference,
3 the parties have consulted and developed this proposed discovery plan and status report.
4 Pursuant to FRCP 26(f)(3), Local Civil Rule (“LCR”) 16 and 26(f), and this Court’s September
5 25, 2017 Order Regarding Initial Disclosures and Joint Status Report (Dkt. # 6), the parties
6 jointly submit this Report.

7 **1. Nature and Complexity of the Case:**

8 Plaintiffs Amazon.com, Inc. and Amazon Web Services, Inc. (collectively, “Amazon”)
9 filed a declaratory judgment action alleging that Amazon does not infringe U.S. Pat. Nos.
10 7,804,948, 7,853,000, and 8,571,194, (collectively, “the patents-in-suit”) which are assigned to
11 defendants Uniloc U.S.A. Inc. and Uniloc Luxembourg S.A. (collectively, “Uniloc”). The
12 patents-in-suit are generally related to systems and methods for initiating a conference call.

13 This action is related to an earlier filed action Uniloc brought in the Eastern District of
14 Texas on March 24, 2017. In that earlier action, Uniloc asserted infringement of the patents-in-
15 suit against Amazon Chime. Uniloc asserts that its allegations are based solely on functionality
16 provided by Amazon and that its amended complaint and infringement contentions explicitly
17 excluded any functionality provided by Microsoft from any allegation of infringement.
18 Amazon disputes that there is any delineation between the various thin-client versions of
19 Amazon Chime and that there is no way to separate Amazon Chime for Windows from any
20 other version of Amazon Chime.

21 In both actions, Amazon asserts that it does not infringe the patents-in-suit and that
22 Uniloc breached a license agreement (“the Microsoft agreement”) to which Amazon is a third-
23 party beneficiary, when it sued Amazon for infringement of the patents-in-suit in the Eastern
24 District of Texas on March 24, 2017.

25 On August 29, 2017, Amazon filed the present suit and, simultaneously, moved to
26 transfer the Eastern District of Texas case to the Western District of Washington pursuant to

1 the venue provision of the Microsoft agreement. That motion is pending before Judge Gilstrap.
2 Uniloc stipulated to permit Amazon to dismiss without prejudice this action pending a decision
3 on the motion to transfer the Texas case. Amazon declined Uniloc's offer.

4 On October 19, 2017, Uniloc moved to dismiss, transfer, or stay the present action
5 based on first to file principles (Dkt. # 18). Amazon stipulated to stay this case pending a
6 decision on the motion to transfer the Texas case. Uniloc declined Amazon's offer. Uniloc's
7 motion is pending before this Court.

8 Discovery is open in the Eastern District of Texas case. On September 6, 2017, Uniloc
9 served infringement contentions. On September 26, 2017, Judge Gilstrap appointed the jointly
10 agreed upon mediator. On October 4, 2017, Judge Gilstrap entered a jointly agreed discovery
11 order and docket control order. On November 15, 2017, Judge Gilstrap resolved a dispute
12 between the parties and entered a protective order. On November 17, 2017, Amazon served
13 invalidity contentions.

14 The parties expect to leverage the agreements reached and orders entered in the Eastern
15 District of Texas case (consolidated case no. 2:17-cv-00354-JRG) to the extent the present case
16 is not dismissed, namely:

17 Agreed Discovery Order – Docket No. 40 (attached as Exhibit A).

18 Agreed Docket Control Order – Docket No. 41 (attached as Exhibit B).

19 Protective Order – Docket No. 61 (attached as Exhibit C).

20 **2. Proposed Deadline for Joining Additional Parties:**

21 Plaintiffs' position: To be determined after a decision on Uniloc's pending motion to
22 dismiss, transfer, or stay. (Dkt. # 18.) The local rules and practices in the Western District of
23 Washington and the Eastern District of Texas differ significantly making the agreed procedures
24 in the Texas case inappropriate for blind adoption in the present case.

25 Defendants' position: February 1, 2018, which is the same deadline to file amended
26 pleadings in the jointly agreed upon docket control order in the Eastern District of Texas

1 action.

2 3. **Consent to Magistrate Judge:**

3 No.

4 4. **Proposed Discovery Plan Addressing Items Set Forth in FRCP 26(f)(3):**

5 (A) **Initial Disclosures:**

6 The parties agree that the initial and additional disclosures served on October 11, 2017,
7 in the related Texas action, *Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. RingCentral, Inc.*, 2-17-cv-00354 (E.D.
8 Tex) (lead case), shall serve as initial disclosures for purposes of this case.

9 (B) **Subjects, timing, and potential phasing of discovery:**

10 (a) **Subjects:**

11 The general subjects on which discovery will be needed include: any licensing of the
12 patents-in-suit, including the Microsoft agreement and contents thereof; alleged infringement
13 of the patents-in-suit; prosecution of the patents-in-suit; the validity and enforceability of the
14 patents-in-suit; the nature and operation of the accused product; and damages.

15 (b) **Timing:**

16 Plaintiffs' position: To be determined pending a decision on Uniloc's pending motion
17 to dismiss, transfer, or stay (Dkt. # 18). All discovery completed in the Texas case is directly
18 transferrable to the present case. However, the local rules and practices in the Western District
19 of Washington and the Eastern District of Texas differ significantly making the agreed
20 procedures in the Texas case inappropriate for blind adoption in the present case.

21 Defendants' position: utilize the scheduling provided in the agreed docket control order
22 (Exhibit B) and discovery order (Exhibit A) in the Eastern District of Texas action. Discovery
23 has opened in the Eastern District of Texas case with obligations to produce relevant
24 documents beginning on October 11, 2017 and an order to produce technical documents
25 corresponding to infringement contentions on November 17, 2017. Uniloc has already
26 produced 21,523 pages of documents. Amazon has produced 1,197 pages of prior art

1 documents and 407 pages of technical documents. As further deadlines for production, the
2 agreed docket control order (Exhibit B) provides that by March 8, 2018 that the parties have
3 the following deadline:

4 Deadline to Substantially Complete Document Production and Exchange Privilege
5 Logs. Counsel are expected to make good faith efforts to produce all required
6 documents as soon as they are available and not wait until the substantial completion
deadline.

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8 In the agreed docket control order (Exhibit B), fact discovery closes on April 30, 2018. That
9 same date is also the deadline by which to file motions to compel discovery.

10 (c) **Potential Phasing:**

11 None.

12 (C) **Electronically Stored Information (“ESI”):**

13 The parties anticipate seeking electronically stored information and agree that such
14 information shall be produced electronically. To the extent either party believes, on a case-by
15 case basis, that documents should be produced in an alternative format, the parties agree that
16 they will meet and confer in good faith concerning such alternative production arrangements.
17 The parties further agree that they will meet and confer in good faith to ensure that the format
18 of each party’s production is compatible with the technical requirements of the receiving
19 party’s document management system.

20 Plaintiffs’ position: Plaintiffs prefer to address these issues more thoroughly after the
21 Court has ruled on the pending motion to dismiss, transfer, or stay. The local rules and
22 practices in the Western District of Washington and the Eastern District of Texas differ
23 significantly making the agreed procedures in the Texas case inappropriate for blind adoption
24 in the present case.

25 Defendants’ position: utilize the scheduling provided in the agreed Docket Control
26 Order (Exhibit B) and Discovery Orders (Exhibit A) in the Eastern District of Texas action. In

1 particular, the parties have agreed in the Discovery Order (Exhibit A) to submit a proposed ESI
2 order to the Court: “The parties believe entry of an Order Regarding E-Discovery in Patent
3 Cases is appropriate and will be submitting such an order to the Court.”

4 **(D) Privilege Issues:**

5 The parties agree that they need not identify on privilege logs any privileged or work-
6 product documents, or privileged or work-product electronically stored information, which
7 were created after the date this action was filed.

8 Plaintiffs’ Position: The local rules and practices in the Western District of Washington
9 and the Eastern District of Texas differ significantly making the agreed procedures in the Texas
10 case inappropriate for blind adoption in the present case.

11 Defendants Position: Adopt the jointly agreed Discovery Order (Exhibit A) in the
12 Texas action where the parties additional agreed as follows:

13 “... privileged materials created by or on behalf of outside litigation counsel and
14 communications with litigation counsel, regardless of their date, do not need to be
15 included on any privilege log. This does not include materials prepared by or on
16 behalf of the law firms representing the parties in their capacity as prosecution
17 counsel, excluding privileged materials from IPR, CBM and post-grant review
counsel. The parties reserve the right to request logs of specific kinds of
privileged materials otherwise excluded by the foregoing where good cause
exists.”

18 **(E) Proposed Limits on Discovery:**

19 The parties will prepare a proposed Agreement Regarding Discovery of Electronically
20 Stored Information (“ESI Agreement”) for the Court’s consideration.

21 Plaintiffs’ Position: The local rules and practices in the Western District of Washington
22 and the Eastern District of Texas differ significantly making the agreed procedures in the Texas
23 case inappropriate for blind adoption in the present case.

24 Defendants Position: Adopt the jointly agreed Discovery Order (Exhibit A) in the
25 Eastern District of Texas action where limits were agreed to concerning interrogatories,
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1 requests for admissions, deposition hours (party and expert).

2 **(F) Discovery Related Orders:**

3 The parties believe that a Protective Order under FRCP 26(c) will be required to limit
4 the disclosure of confidential technical, commercial or other information and documents. The
5 parties will prepare a proposed Protective Order for the Court's consideration.

6 Plaintiffs' position: Plaintiff requests that the Court stay all discovery until the Court
7 decides the pending motion to dismiss, transfer, or stay. The local rules and practices in the
8 Western District of Washington and the Eastern District of Texas differ significantly making
9 the agreed procedures in the Texas case inappropriate for blind adoption in the present case.

10 Defendants' position: Adopt the Protective Order (Exhibit C) in the Eastern District of
11 Texas action where Judge Gilstrap resolved several disputes between the parties.

12 **5. The Parties' Views, Proposals and Agreements on the Items Set Forth in LCR**
13 **26(f)(1):**

14 **(A) Prompt Case Resolution:**

15 The parties support prompt resolution of this case. The parties anticipate that specific
16 proposals regarding prompt resolution may be made more clear following a decision on
17 Uniloc's pending motion to dismiss, transfer, or stay and following Judge Gilstrap's ruling on
18 Amazon's motion to transfer.

19 Plaintiffs' position: The local rules and practices in the Western District of Washington
20 and the Eastern District of Texas differ significantly making the agreed procedures in the Texas
21 case inappropriate for blind adoption in the present case.

22 Defendants' position: Adopt the agreed Docket Control Order (Exhibit A) in the
23 Eastern District of Texas action, including the jointly agreed upon mediator and mediation
24 dates. In the Eastern District of Texas action, the parties agreed to mediate before Hon. Jeff
25 Kaplan on or before May 17, 2018.

26 **(B) Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR"):**

1 Plaintiffs' position: Plaintiffs believe that ADR may be productive following a decision
 2 on Uniloc's pending motion to dismiss, transfer, or stay and following Judge Gilstrap's ruling
 3 on Amazon's motion to transfer.

4 Defendants' position: Defendants believe that mediation is the preferred method of
 5 Alternative Dispute Resolution. In the Eastern District of Texas action, the parties agreed to
 6 mediate before Hon. Jeff Kaplan on or before May 17, 2018.

7 **(C) Related Cases:**

8 Plaintiffs' position:

9 Uniloc filed a patent infringement action against Cisco Systems in the U.S. District
 10 Court for the Eastern District of Texas on December 30, 2015, entitled *Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v.*
 11 *Cisco Systems, Inc.*, No. 6:15-cv-1175-JRG (E.D. Tex.) ("Cisco Sys."), alleging infringement
 12 of U.S. Pat Nos. 7,804,948, 7,853,000, and 8,571,194. On April 4, 2017, the Cisco Sys. Texas
 13 action was transferred to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington
 14 pursuant to a venue provision in the Microsoft agreement, to which Cisco claims to be a third
 15 party beneficiary. The Washington case is entitled *Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. Cisco Systems, Inc.*,
 16 No. 2-17-cv-00527-RAJ (W.D. Wash.).

17 On March 24, 2017, Uniloc filed a patent infringement action against Amazon in the
 18 U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, entitled *Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v.*
 19 *Amazon.com, Inc. et al*, 2-17-cv-00228-JRG (E.D. Tex.), alleging infringement of the same
 20 three patents at issue in the Cisco Sys. action. That case has been consolidated as *Uniloc USA,*
 21 *Inc. et al v. RingCentral, Inc.*, 2-17-cv-00354 (E.D. Tex) (lead case). On August 29, 2017,
 22 Amazon filed a motion to transfer the Eastern District of Texas action to the U.S. District Court
 23 for the Western District of Washington pursuant to the same venue provision in the same
 24 Microsoft agreement on which the court in Cisco Sys. relied on in transferring the Texas action
 25 to this Court.

26 In its opposition to Amazon's motion to transfer, Uniloc claims that no Microsoft

1 functionality has been accused in the Texas action. As Amazon asserted in its motion to
 2 transfer and reply in support thereof, however, Uniloc's purported exclusion of the Microsoft
 3 functionality does not put its claims outside of the Microsoft agreement. Regardless, in this
 4 Washington action, Amazon seeks a declaratory judgement that Amazon Chime, including
 5 Amazon Chime as it functions with Microsoft Windows, does not infringe the patents-in-suit.

6 Defendants' position:

7 Uniloc has been litigating the patents-in-suit in the Eastern District of Texas for over
 8 three years since November 2014. Over that time period Uniloc has filed twenty-five actions,
 9 and approximately half have been settled. There has been extensive Markman briefing by
 10 multiple parties, as well as, a Markman hearing. To transfer the case out of the Marshall court
 11 would be a waste of judicial resources after three years of litigation, and that burden would be
 12 then be imposed on a district unfamiliar with this case. Further, Amazon's unnecessary filing
 13 of a mirror case has already led to additional cost and delay and certainly a transfer would lead
 14 to additional cost and delay and unquestionably prejudices Uniloc.

Name	Number	District	Filed
Amazon.com, Inc et al v. Uniloc USA, Inc et al	2-17-cv-01307	WAWD	August 29, 2017
Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. Atlassian Corporation PLC et al	2-17-cv-00352	TXED	April 25, 2017
Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. Atlassian Corporation PLC et al	2-17-cv-00353	TXED	April 25, 2017
Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. RingCentral, Inc.	2-17-cv-00354	TXED	April 25, 2017
Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. RingCentral, Inc.	2-17-cv-00355	TXED	April 25, 2017
Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. Kik Interactive, Inc.	2-17-cv-00346	TXED	April 21, 2017
Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. Hike Ltd.	2-17-cv-00348	TXED	April 21, 2017
Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. Cisco Systems, Inc.	2-17-cv-00527	WAWD	April 4, 2017
Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. Amazon.com, Inc. et al	2-17-cv-00228	TXED	March 24, 2017
Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. Kakao Corp.	2-16-cv-00576	TXED	May 30, 2016
Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. Tencent America, LLC et al	2-16-cv-00577	TXED	May 30, 2016
Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. Google LLC	2-16-cv-00566	TXED	May 28, 2016
Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. Line Euro-Americas Corp. et al	2-16-cv-00567	TXED	May 28, 2016

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1	Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. Zoom Video Communications, Inc.	2-16-cv-00568	TXED	May 28, 2016
2	Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. TangoMe, Inc. d/b/a Tango	6-16-cv-00380	TXED	April 26, 2016
3	Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. ooVoo LLC	6-16-cv-00324	TXED	April 13, 2016
4	Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. Facebook, Inc.	6-16-cv-00223	TXED	March 18, 2016
5	Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. Viber Media Sarl	6-16-cv-00224	TXED	March 18, 2016
6	Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. WhatsApp Inc.	6-16-cv-00225	TXED	March 18, 2016
7	Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. Huawei Device USA, Inc. et al	6-16-cv-00099	TXED	March 4, 2016
8	Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. NEC Corporation of America	6-16-cv-00100	TXED	March 4, 2016
9	Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. Unify Inc.	6-16-cv-00101	TXED	March 4, 2016
10	Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. Cisco Systems, Inc.	6-15-cv-01175	TXED	December 30, 2015
11	Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. Avaya Inc.	6-15-cv-01168	TXED	December 28, 2015
12	Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. ShoreTel, Inc.	6-15-cv-01169	TXED	December 28, 2015
13	Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. Genband US LLC	2-15-cv-00578	TXED	April 30, 2015
14	Uniloc USA, Inc. et al v. Microsoft Corporation	2-14-cv-01040	TXED	November 13, 2014

Two cases list the Western District of Washington. The first is the present declaratory judgment action. The second, the *Cisco Sys.* action, was transferred from the Eastern District of Texas. The Cisco case was transferred under the venue provision because Uniloc specifically accused the product Cisco Jabber for Windows. On August 29, 2017, Amazon filed a motion to transfer the Eastern District of Texas action to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington hoping to rely on the same venue provision in the Microsoft agreement. In its briefing in the Eastern District of Texas action, Uniloc explained why the *Cisco Sys.* action is different than the *Amazon* action. In particular, in the *Cisco Sys.* action, the accused product, Cisco Jabber for Windows, utilized Microsoft functionality, The key fact is completely missing in the *Amazon* action, where all Microsoft functionality has been disclaimed and is NOT accused. In its briefing and infringement contentions, Uniloc clearly states:

No allegation of infringement is made against, nor is Amazon Chime for Windows an accused product. The Accused Instrumentality specifically excludes any Microsoft Product or the use thereof as satisfying or providing a means for satisfying any element, step, portion or limitation of any Asserted Claim. (“Microsoft Exclusion”). As a result of the Microsoft Exclusion, no allegation of

1 infringement is made against the Chime client application when used in
2 connection with Microsoft Windows and/or accessed through Microsoft Internet
3 Explorer or Microsoft Edge web browsers.

4 Uniloc has specifically identified features outside of the Microsoft
5 Exclusion. Should Amazon believe that any identified features of the Accused
6 Instrumentality fall within the Microsoft Exclusion, Uniloc asks that Amazon
immediately identify its full basis for such an argument for consideration by
Uniloc.

7 (Dkt. 22-4 at Page 5 of 11, DocID#297)

8 **(D) Discovery Management:** The parties agree to work cooperatively to manage
9 discovery in a cost-efficient manner.

10 **(E) Anticipated discovery sought:**

11 *See 4(B) above.*

12 **(F) Phasing Motions:**

13 None at this time.

14 **(G) Preservation of Discoverable Information:**

15 The parties have taken appropriate steps to preserve relevant information and
16 documents.

17 **(H) Privilege Issues:**

18 *See 4(D) above.* The parties also agree to follow FRCP 26(b)(5) and FRE 502 regarding
19 inadvertent production.

20 **(I) Model Protocol for Discovery of ESI:**

21 *See 4(E) above.* The parties are negotiating and will submit an ESI Agreement. The
22 parties will submit an executed copy of the ESI Agreement for the Court's consideration.

23 **(J) Alternatives to Model Protocol:**

24 The parties offer no alternative to the ESI Agreement at this time.

25 **6. Date by Which Discovery Can Be Completed:**

26 Plaintiffs' position: To be determined after decision on Uniloc's motion to dismiss,

1 transfer, or stay (Dkt. # 18). The local rules and practices in the Western District of
2 Washington and the Eastern District of Texas differ significantly making the agreed procedures
3 in the Texas case inappropriate for blind adoption in the present case.

4 Defendants' position: Adopt the agreed upon dates in the Discovery Order (Exhibit B)
5 and Docket Control Order (Exhibit A) in the Eastern District of Texas action. As to deadlines
6 for production, the agreed docket control order provides that by March 8, 2018 that the parties
7 have the following deadline:

8 Deadline to Substantially Complete Document Production and Exchange
9 Privilege Logs. Counsel are expected to make good faith efforts to produce all
10 required documents as soon as they are available and not wait until
 the substantial completion deadline.

11 In the agreed Docket Control Order (Exhibit B), fact discovery closes on April 30, 2018. That
12 same date is also the deadline by which to file motions to compel discovery.

13 **7. Bifurcation:**

14 None required at this time.

15 **8. Pretrial Statements:**

16 The parties believe that the pretrial statements and pretrial order pursuant to Local
17 Rules CR 16(e), (h), (i), and (l) and 16.1 should be employed in this case.

18 **9. Individualized Trial Program or ADR :**

19 The parties do not intend to use the Individualized Trial Program describe at Local Rule
20 39.2. The parties also do not intend to utilize the Court's ADR procedures.

21 **10. Other Suggestions for Shortening or Simplifying the Case:**

22 The parties anticipate filing summary judgment motions to narrow the issues prior to
23 trial.

24 **11. Date the case will be ready for trial:**

25 Plaintiffs' position: To be determined pending decision on Uniloc's motion to dismiss,

1 transfer, or stay the case and on Amazon's motion to transfer the related case to the Western
2 District of Washington currently pending in the Eastern District of Texas. The local rules and
3 practices in the Western District of Washington and the Eastern District of Texas differ
4 significantly making the agreed procedures in the Texas case inappropriate for blind adoption
5 in the present case.

6 Defendants' position: Adopt the agreed upon dates in the Docket Control Order
7 (Exhibit B) in the Eastern District of Texas action, namely a jury selection date of October 1,
8 2018.

9 **12. Jury or non-jury:**

10 Jury.

11 **13. Total number of trial days required:**

12 Five.

13 **14. Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of trial counsel:**

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3 **15. Known scheduling conflicts:**

4 The parties are not presently aware of any scheduling conflicts.

5 **16. Report service and proposed scheduling:**

6 All parties have been properly served, and so no proposed schedule for this purpose is
7 needed.

8 **17. Scheduling conference:**

9 As soon as practicable after decision on Uniloc's motion to dismiss, transfer, or stay
10 (Dkt. # 18).

11 **18. Dates that nongovernmental corporate parties filed disclosure statements:**

12 Amazon filed its corporate disclosure statement on September 5, 2017, Dkt. # 4. Uniloc
13 filed a corporate disclosure statement on March 24, 2017 in the Eastern District of Texas and
14 repeated such a filing in this action on November 30, 2017.

15 **ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS UNDER LOCAL PATENT RULE 110**

16 The parties believe that the additional considerations under Local Patent Rule 110
17 should be addressed following a decision on Uniloc's pending motion to dismiss, transfer, or
18 stay. (Dkt. # 18).

1 Dated this 1st day of December 2017.

2 Respectfully submitted,

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2 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**
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4 I hereby certify that on December 1, 2017, I electronically filed the foregoing
5 with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of
such filing to all counsel of record.
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